

Serial No.: 09/706,194

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the office Action dated July 8, 2005 within the shortened statutory period for reply. Claims 1-172 were pending in the application.

The Examiner has asserted a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 requiring restriction of the application as follows:

- I. Claims 1 to 123, 158 and 159
- II. Claims 124-157 and 160-172,

Applicant hereby elects Group I, consisting of claims 1-123, 158 and 159, for prosecution in this application. Applicant does not traverse, but does not acquiesce to the Examiner's foundation for the Restriction Requirement as set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, the foregoing election is made without waiver, estoppel or without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims.

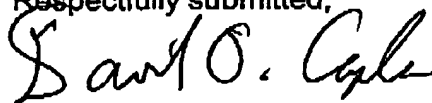
The foregoing amendment conforms this application to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated July 8, 2005. Applicant notes that the Examiner previously indicated that claims 1-123, 158 and 159 were allowable. Therefore, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below. No new matter is added in this Reply. Reconsideration of the application is thus requested.

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19. July. 2005

By: _____

Respectfully submitted,



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